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**Programming and Allocations Committee
June 13, 2007
Minutes**

Chairperson Tissier called the meeting to order at 10:17 a.m. Other Commissioners present were Commissioners Glover, Ammiano, Bates, Chu, Cortese, Dodd, Haggerty, Kinsey, and Rubin.

Public Hearing

Melanie Choy, MTC, reported on the RM2 program change. The change involves an exchange of funds between two existing RM2 projects, \$38 million from the Transbay Tube Seismic Retrofit project to the Oakland Airport Connector project in RM2 funds and \$38 million in the Airport Connector's State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funds to the Tube Retrofit project.

Another exchange of funds includes three parts 1) \$24 million in RM2 funds from the Tube Retrofit project to a new proposed project, BART's Transit Capital match, 2) Transit Capital Match will reassign the \$24 million in operations funding to the operating budget for BART's San Francisco International Airport (SFO) line, and 3) MTC will propose to program \$24 million in Proposition 1B funds to the Tube Retrofit project.

No public comments were made.

Consent Calendar

• *Minutes*

The committee approved the minutes of May 9, 2007 meeting as submitted.

• *STA Regional Discretionary Program*

The Committee approved MTC Resolution No. 3813, which allocates \$26.9 million to the FY 2007-08 State Transit Assistance (STA) Regional Discretionary Program.

Pierce Gould, MTC, provided an overview on the program noting that in FY 2007-08 the total amount of programming for transit coordination projects is \$26.9 million, of which \$21 million will be claimed by MTC, \$2.2 million by transit operators, and \$3.7 million for claimants to be identified in the future.

Commissioner Bates asked who the remaining claimants for the remainder of the \$3.7 million are. Mr. Gould stated that \$1 million will be allocated to the Lifeline Transportation Program later in 2007 and \$2.7 million is for specific

TransLink® projects.

Commissioner Tissier asked if the various projects would come back to the Commission for approval. Alix Bockelman, MTC, stated that all allocations over \$1 million will go back to the Committee for approval, but projects below \$1 million will be approved by the Executive Director with a quarterly report to notify the Committee of the actions approved under delegated authority.

- *TDA Funds*

The Committee approved MTC Resolution No. 3809 allocating FY 2007-08 Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds to County Auditors for TDA administration (\$1.5 million) and to MTC for TDA administration and planning purposes (\$10.8 million).

- *TIP Amendment*

The Committee approved MTC Resolution No. 3755, Revised, which is Amendment 07-10 of the 2007 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- *Program of Projects*

The Committee approved MTC Resolution No. 3733, Revised which amends the FY2006-08 FTA Nonurbanized Area Formula (Section 5311) Program of Projects.

- *RM2 Capital and Operating Allocations*

The Committee approved MTC Resolution Nos. 3817, and 3819, allocating \$2.8 million in capital funds to the City of Vallejo for the Vallejo Station Intermodal Facility project and \$4.2 million in operating funds to operating projects; \$3 million to WTA for planning and administrative costs, and \$1.2 million to MTC for RM2 Marketing

- *Federal New Starts Funding*

The Committee approved MTC Resolution No. 2451, Revised which approves the final increment of Federal New Starts funding totaling \$2.4 million for the San Francisco International Airport (SFO) / Millbrae extension.

Regional Programming

- *Regional Measure 2 Program Amendment*

The Committee approved MTC Resolution No. 3801, which reassigns RM2 funding for the BART Transbay Tube Seismic Retrofit to the Oakland Airport Connector project, an existing RM2 project and the Transit Capital Match project, a new project to the program.

Ms. Choy noted that no written or public comments were received for the program amendment. She reported that bond counsel is reviewing MTC Resolution No. 3801 associated with the item, and that any technical changes to the resolution will be brought to the June Commission meeting.

Commissioner Cortese asked staff if the Commission had previously established criteria for fund swapping if a project cannot be pursued. Steve Heminger, MTC Executive Director, stated that

criteria have not been previously created. MTC staff will come back to the Committee with more criteria to control excessive program amendments in the future.

- *Transit Passenger Demographic Survey*

James Corless of MTC and Alice Chan of Godbe Research reviewed the results of the Demographic Survey undertaken for the 21 transit systems in the Bay Area.

Commissioner Kinsey asked how the information from the survey would be used. Mr. Heminger stated that the results allow a more informed discussion about the Lifeline program. Commissioner Kinsey asked if the results would imply that the Lifeline definition may need to be revised. Mr. Heminger replied that in the current discussions as part of the Proposition 1B transit proposal, it appears that all three categories (Lifeline, Urban Core, and Small Operators) serve transit dependent populations.

FY 2007-08 5% State Unrestricted Funds and 2% Bridge Toll Revenues

The Committee approved MTC Resolution No. 3820, which programs and allocates approximately \$3 million in 5% Unrestricted State funds and \$1.1 million in 2% Bridge Toll revenues.

Glen Tepke, MTC, stated that the 5 % funds support ferry operations for Vallejo and Alameda ferries as well as ABAG's Bay Trail project and the 2% funds support ferry capital projects.

Issues regarding the funding for the Bay Trail Project include a one-time increase to \$170,000. The second issue concerns the split of ferry operating funds from the 5% funds. Historically, funds from the northern accounts are allocated to Vallejo ferries for operations and all southern account funds are allocated to Alameda ferries. The current proposal continues the practice, but beginning in FY 2008-09, allocation of funds will shift to be more reflective of the ridership of the ferry systems and also addresses congestion on bridges.

Mr. Tepke reported that there were two project proposals that MTC received but are not recommending for funding. The first project is from BART for \$182,000 for operations of three bike stations. The ferry operation allocation is a higher priority therefore BART's request is not recommended. The second project is from the City of Albany requesting \$100,000 for construction of a bike path that is not eligible for construction.

State

- *TDA, STA, and AB 1107 Funds.*

The Committee approved MTC Resolution Nos. 3810, 3811, and 3812, which allocates the first round of the Transportation Development Act (TDA) State Transit Assistance (STA), and Assembly Bill (AB1107) allocations for FY 2007-08.

Bob Bates, MTC, reported that the allocation of \$114 million in TDA funds, \$39 million in STA funds and \$34 million in AB1107 funds to eight transit operators and to MTC for transit operations and transit capital projects. Staff will provide a more detailed presentation in July on transit

operators' financial status. Revisions to the fund estimate as a result of the actual revenue generations and changes in the state budget will also be provided in July.

Chair Tissier inquired about the potential need for year-end rescissions, and whether MTC could have anticipated that the Sales Tax revenues are projected to be lower than the fund estimate outlined. Mr. Heminger stated that under state law TDA revenue estimates are done by county auditors, and MTC cannot alter the counties' forecasts.

California Transportation Commission (CTC) Report

Alix Bockelman, MTC, reported that there was a CTC meeting on June 6th and 7th. The CTC approved the 2006 STIP Augmentation, of which the Bay Area region received \$322 million. CTC has begun work on the 2008 STIP and released a draft fund estimate of assumptions; however, it deferred approval due to uncertainties with the state budget in regards to spillover. The 2008 STIP will be adopted in December.

Ms. Bockelman stated that there were two Traffic Congestion Relief Program allocations for transit projects in the region: a \$28 million allocation for the SMART project, and \$19 million for design on the BART to Warm Springs project.

Public Comment/Information

Jerry Grace, Oakland resident, thanked Commissioner Bates for the Special Olympics in Berkeley and that reported that he received a gold medal.

Mr. Heminger noted that there was an item on consent that allocated the last \$2 million to the BART extension to San Francisco Airport from the federal government, four years after the extension opened.

Mr. Heminger also stated that the Women's Transportation Seminar in the Bay Area named Alix Bockelman Woman of the Year.